Production of silk

*334. SHRI E.M.SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum and variety of silk produced in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the steps being taken to increase the production of silk; and

(c) whether any target has been fixed for production of silk during the current year, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) A Statement-I is annexed (*See* below).

(b) Another Statement-II is annexed (*See* below).

(c) The targets fixed for production of silk during 2005-06 are given below:

Sl. No.	Particular	Targets (in MT)
i.	Mulberry	17000
ii.	Tasar	400
iii.	Eri	1500
iv.	Muga	130
	TOTAL	19030

Statement-I

State-wise production of mulberry and vanya rawsilk during last three years

(Tonnes)

State	2002-2003					2003-04					2004-05(P)				
		Vanya Silk					Vanya Silk					Vanya Silk			
	Mulberry	Tasar	Eri	Muga	Total	Mulberry	Tasar	Eri	Muga	Total	Mulberry	Tasar	Eri	Muga	Total
Andhra Pradesh	5629	21	—	—	5650	6054	14	—	—	6068	5084	16	10	—	5110
Assam	15	—	463	96	574	8	—	480	99	587	9	—	554	104	667

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Arunachal Pradesh	2	—	13	0.5	16	—	—	3	0.2	3.2	Neg.	—	4	0.1	4.1
Bihar	5	8	30	—	43	6	8	18	—	32	8	8	15	—	31
Chhattisgarh	2	64	—	—	66	1	118	—	—	119	2.3	120	1	—	123.3
Gujarat*	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Himachal Pradesh	17	—	—	—	17	12	—	—	—	12	12	—	—	—	12
Haryana	—	—	—	—	0	—	—	—	—	0	—	—	—	—	0
Jammu & Kashmir	100	—	—	—	100	85	—	—	—	85	90	—	—	—	90
Jharkhand	2	90	—	—	92	—	84	—	—	84	Neg.	91	1	—	92
Karnataka	6760	—	—	—	6760	5949	—	—	—	5949	7302	—	—	—	7302
Kerala	3	—	—	—	3	4	—	—	—	4	8	—	—	—	8
Madhya Pradesh	8	7	—	—	15	9	13	—	—	22	14	14	—	—	28
Maharashtra	65	9	—	—	74	42	8	—	—	50	37	5	—	—	42
Manipur	27	1	458	Neg	486	27	1	434	Neg.	462	54	3	431	0.1	488.1
Mizoram	5	—	Neg.	Neg.	5	5	—	3	—	8	5	Neg.	3	0.1	8.1
Meghalaya	2	—	271	5	278	2	—	317	6	325	2.5	—	327	5.4	34.9
Nagaland	Neg.	—	78	—	78	—	—	96	—	96	0.5	0.2	98	0.1	98.8
Orissa	6	54	—	—	60	2	37	Neg.	—	39	2	33	1	—	36
Punjab	4	—	—	—	4	4	—	—	—	4	4	—	—	—	4
Rajasthan	—	—	—	—	0	—	—	—	—	0	0.3	—	—	—	0.3
Sikkim	—	—	—	—	0	—	—	—	—	0	—	—	—	—	0
Tamil Nadu	490	—	—	—	490	285	—	—	—	285	443	—	0.6	—	443.6
Tripura	5	—	—	—	5	4	—	—	—	4	4	—	—	—	4
Uttar Pradesh	10	3	—	—	13	9	2	—	—	11	9.5	2	—	—	11.5
Uttaranchal	10	—	—	—	10	9	3	—	—	12	9	4	0.6	—	13.6
West Bengal	1450	27	3	0.5	1481	1453	27	1	0.2	1481	1520	26	2	0.2	1548
TOTAL:	14617	284	1316	102	16319	13970	315	1352	105	15742	14620	322	1448	110	16500

P-Provisional -nil Neg. Less than 50 kg.

*The State has discontinued Sericulture activities.

Statement-II

Programmes and schemes to increase the production, quality, productivity and the competitiveness of the domestic silk industry.

- Research and Development efforts of Central Silk Board have been stepped up to improve quantity and productivity of sericulture, by evolution of more productive and stress tolerant breeds and hybrids of mulberry and non-mulberry food plants and silkworms; and development of low cost reeling and processing technologies in silk;
- Seed Support and Technical Assistance is being given by the Central Silk Board to State Governments, farmers and reelers by maintenance of parent races and basic seed, supply of commercial seed, and augmentation of grainage facilities for production of disease free high yielding and drought resistant seeds;

- Central assistance is being extended to States through Centrally Sponsored and Central sector schemes to strengthen farm infrastructure, increase area under sericulture, upgrade reeling facilities, improve finishing processes, strengthen seed supply, cocoon and silk testing systems;
- Low cost and productivity enhancing technologies developed by the Central Silk Board are being popularized through Central assistance to beneficiaries, training to the States' extension machinery and beneficiaries, organizing of various awareness programmes, etc.;
- For technology upgradation of the indigenous silk industry loan at 5% point less than applicable bank rate, under the Technological Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) for the textiles sector is available *inter alia* to silk sector.
- Supply chain issues between the farmers, raw silk producers and the weavers are being addressed by advocating contract farming models, price linked grading, etc.
- Establishing quality certification systems for silkworm seeds, cocoons, yarn and fabric.
- An amount of Rs. 450 crores has been provided in the Tenth Plan for the Sericulture sector to support the above strategy and programmes;
- Export of value added silk items is being encouraged through assistance to exporters for participation in fairs and exhibitions abroad, market research and surveys, etc.

Augmenting strength of Delhi Police

*335. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Police has approached the Government for augmenting its strength to the extent of doubling it;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) the existing strength, cadre-wise of the Delhi Police as on 31.3.2005;

(d) the extent to which Delhi Police Personnel are deployed on VIP security;

(e) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to separate the VIP security in Delhi from Delhi Police; and